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For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF MODIFIED CARBON BLACK FOR RUBBER REINFORCEMENT AND PROCESS OF PRODUCTION OF RUBBER COMPOSITION CONTAINING MODIFIED CARBON BLACK

Commissioner for Patents

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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 37 C.F.R. 1.321(e)

Sir:

The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. the owner of the entire interest in U.S.

Application Serial No. 10/725,058 filed on December 2, 2003 entitled "Process for Production of Modified Carbon Black for Rubber Reinforcement and Process of Production of Rubber Composition containing Modified Carbon Black", which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,441, filed March 2, 1999, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,962,952, on November 8, 2005 and is based on International Application PCT/JP98/00567, filed February 12, 1998, as evidenced by an assignment to The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 2, 1999 at Reel/Frame 9828/0726 and 0727, hereby

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disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to 156 and 173, of commonly owned issued U.S. Patent No. 6,962,952. The owners hereby agree that any patent granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the above-identified application and granted U.S. Patent No. 6,962,952 is commonly owned. This agreement shall run with any patent granted on the instant application and shall be binding upon the assignees, their successors, or assigns.

The undersigned is attorney of record and has the authority to execute this Terminal Disclaimer on behalf of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., and has reviewed the above-referenced assignment and hereby certifies that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the assignees on whose behalf this terminal disclaimer is being filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Payment of the filing fee in the amount of \$130.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.20 (d), is to be made according to the Credit Card Payment Form attached herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

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charge any additional payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 100021.00136.

Respectfully submitted,



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